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Assembly Passes Bill to Bring Equality for LGBT Veterans

The California State Assembly has passed AB 1505, legislation authored by Dr. Richard Pan (D-Sacramento) that seeks to address decades of discrimination against LGBT veterans who are denied official recognition and benefits they earned defending their country.

"True equality demands that we honor the sacrifices of LGBT service members just as we do for our other brave men and women in uniform," said Dr. Pan. "Many groups of Americans have made historic sacrifices for their country in times of war, while LGBT service members have sacrificed in silence. AB 1505 will help us look back and honor their historic service and also look forward

to make sure they receive the benefits they deserve."

AB 1505 would reinstate California veterans benefits, rescinded due to a discharge based solely on sexual orientation, automatically when the federal government does the same. The bill also directs the Department of Veterans Affairs to provide resources from veterans legal services

organizations that specialize in discharge upgrades and claims representation. One of these veterans' legal services organizations, Swords to Plowshares, has worked to upgrade discharges for LGBT veterans for decades.

"Applying for VA benefits is a confusing process which many veterans are unable to navigate alone," said Swords to Plowshares representative Keith Boylan. "Effective claims representation is often the difference between a veteran being denied benefits, and a lifetime of health care, disability compensation and other benefits."

AB 1505 now goes to the Senate.

Survey Aims to Increase LGBT Cancer Screening

by Marlene von Friederichs-Fitzwater

Cancer, the second-leading cause of death in the United States, does not discriminate, yet LGBT people experience higher rates of some cancers, later diagnoses, and in some cases, higher death rates than other populations.

This often-neglected health disparity is the target of a new survey designed to ultimately develop educational and training materials for medical and nursing students, as well as new community interventions to boost cancer-screening rates among LGBT individuals.

The survey is an outreach effort of the Community-Based LGBT Cancer Health Task

Force. The coalition, which formed in 2011, is sponsored by the UC Davis Comprehensive Cancer Center/Sacramento State Partnership, and also includes representatives from Sutter General Hospital, Breaking Barriers, CARES and the California Legislative LGBT Caucus.

The survey aims to collect information about the health-care experiences of LGBT

individuals, as well as their knowledge about cancer and awareness of cancer screening. The task force hopes to collect data from throughout Sacramento, a region with the third largest LGBT population in California.

What we do know is that there is a higher incidence of breast cancer among lesbian women and high incidence of anal, rectal and prostate cancer among gay men. Complicating these higher rates of disease is the fact that many LGBT people also deal

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Gay Marriage...

Prop 8 Supporters Lose Again

Commentary by Boyce Hinman

Last year, 9th U.S. District Court Chief Judge Vaughn Walker in San Francisco ruled that Proposition 8 violates the U.S. Constitution. Several months ago, a three Justice panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld that decision.

In such cases, the court's rules allow the losing party to ask that all 29 justices on the appeals court re-hear, and re-decide, the case. The supporters of Proposition 8 made such a request.

However, on June 5, that court issued a ruling denying the request. The decision will not be re-heard by the appeals court, and the

stayed until the Supreme Court decides the case.

The Supreme Court is not required to hear any appeal brought to it. It can agree to hear the appeal, or it can simply let the lower court decision stand.

In this situation, where the issue of same sex marriage is generating such widespread



Stonewall Democrats President-elect Mario Guerrero explains the 9th U.S. District Court's decision at a press conference at the G&L Center on June 5.

earlier decision, overturning Proposition 8, remains unchanged.

However, in its June 5 order, the appeals court noted that their decision can be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. For that reason, the decision overturning Proposition 8 was put on hold (or stayed) for 90 days. It also said that if the Supreme Court does agree to hear the appeal, the decision will be

controversy, it seems likely that the Supreme Court will agree to hear the appeal. In that case we are not likely to hear their final decision until at least June of next year.

Patience is a virtue.

Boyce Hinman is the founder of the California Communities United Institute. He can be reached at b.hinman@calcomui.org or calcomui.org

California to Investigate NOM

The state of California's ethics office has announced that it will investigate Fred Karger's complaint against the Washington, D.C. based National Organization for Marriage (NOM), that alleged NOM did not report over \$340,000 that it raised to pass Proposition 8 four years ago.

California joins Maine, which is in its third year of its investigation of NOM, the leading anti-gay marriage organization in the country.

Karger's complaint alleges NOM had received 11 large contributions in 2008 that were never reported as required under California election law. That was the year NOM helped lead the effort to pass California's Proposition 8.

One of the 11 missing contributions was \$10,000 from presumptive GOP presidential nominee Mitt Romney's Alabama PAC.

In addition to the Romney money there were ten more contributions NOM did not report, including: \$150,000 from Michael Casey of Jamestown, RI, \$100,000 from Sean Fiedler of New York, NY and \$25,000 from NOM Board member Craig Cardon of Mesa, AZ, a General Authority in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon Church).

"The National Organization for Marriage has spent tens of millions of dollars to take marriage rights away from millions of Americans over the last four years," said Karger, who is also responsible for the NOM investigation in Maine and the 2010 FPCC successful prosecution of the Mormon Church on 13 counts of election fraud. "NOM is allowed to participate in these elections, but it must obey all state and federal laws and report where all of its money is coming from. Once again it looks like they got caught"

"Now as NOM funds the four anti-gay marriage elections this fall in Minnesota, Washington, Maryland and Maine, I will be watching them closely," said Karger. "Under the leadership of Maggie Gallagher and Brian Brown, NOM is relentless in its desire to harm people and apparently thinks that it is above the law."

Anti Marriage Equality Petitions Force Vote in WA

Same-sex marriage opponents in Washington State have submitted signatures to bring the freedom to marry to a vote on the November ballot.

The petition drive began following the passage of a marriage bill earlier this year, which was signed by Governor Chris Gregoire and scheduled to go into effect later this week.

"During the week in which loving and committed same-sex couples in Washington were preparing to share in the joy of the first marriage ceremonies in the state, anti-gay advocates have decided instead to submit signatures forcing them to put a hold on their happiness and fend off a

referendum on whether or not they can get married," said Marc Solomon, National Campaign Director of Freedom to Marry.

Washington is part of Freedom to Marry's Win More States Fund, which will raise and spend at least \$3 million in crucial marriage campaigns in 2012. These funds contribute to grassroots organizing, television and radio spots, new media programs and public education. To learn more, visit FreedomToMarry.org

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President Obama Addresses LGBT Fundraiser in LA

by Todd J Gillman

President Obama appeared before 600 or so hooting, hollering supporters at an LGBT campaign fundraiser in a ballroom at the Beverly Wilshire – the “Pretty Woman” hotel. They gave him a prolonged standing ovation, chanting “Four more years!” after an introduction from a gay Army doctor.

The President warmed up with some jokes about the first lady’s appearance on the Ellen DeGeneres show. “Michelle outdoes me in pushups as well,” he said, after saying that she’s taken some criticism on her technique “because she doesn’t go all the way down” – a line that he let hang, naughtily, provoking laughter from the crowd.

“I could not be prouder of the work that we’ve done on behalf of the LGBT community,” Obama said.

The President recounted working out at a Marine base in Hawaii and having one Marine after another – all much more fit than he, all two percent body fat (lots of laughs from the crowd) – thanking him for ending “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.”

“I tell that story so that if anybody out there asks you what this campaign’s about, you tell ‘em it’s still about hope and change. You tell them I still believe in the American people and the innate goodness of this country,” he said, getting the crowd on its feet.

Obama spoke for about a half-hour, and was introduced by Dr. Vito Imbasciani, a urological surgeon from Los Angeles, a colonel in the Army National Guard and Chief Medical Officer for the California State National Guard.

Imbasciani spoke of the three active duty tours he has served; in Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm, Iraq in 2004 and Germany, treating wounded from Iraq and Afghanistan.

He has served for 26 years, hiding the fact that he is gay. He spoke of adopting two sons with his husband.

“I kept their existence secret because that’s what the law required. But not anymore,” he said. The crowd cheered and someone shouted out “No sir!”

“I didn’t talk about myself to my patients but in my heart I know that not a one of them would have cared if I were gay or straight,” Imbasciani said. “... I always knew that some day the values that make our country great” – justice and equality, for instance – “would endure, and so they have.”

“This is a president who has challenged every one of us to expand our imagination of the possible ... As he has made clear that we are not a nation that says “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.” We are a nation that says out of many, we are one.”

Todd J. Gillman is a reporter with The Dallas Morning News and filed this report as a pool reporter on June 6, 2012.

Rainbow PAC Endorsed Candidates Score Wins

by Bonnie Osborn

Eleven candidates endorsed by the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce Rainbow PAC in its first endorsement process won outright or were the top vote-getters in the June 5 primary election.

Steve Hansen won the highest number of votes in a hotly contested race for Sacramento City Council District 4, with 2,317 votes, approximately 28 percent of the total. Hansen will face off with runner-up Joe Yee in the November 6 general election. If elected in November, Hansen would be the first openly gay person to serve on the Sacramento City Council.

“Steve is an outstanding candidate who is experienced in formulating public policy and who has an in-depth understanding of Sacramento and the issues it faces,” said Rainbow PAC board member Ben Phillips-Leseñana. “We are proud of Steve and proud of the Chamber’s role in helping form a voting district in which it is possible for an openly gay individual to run successfully.”

Hansen’s District 4 win occurred in a newly created district resulting in part from



Steve Hansen at a press conference at the Sacramento G&L Center on election day, called to mark the 9th Circuit Court’s decision not to hear, and thereby upholding, a lower courts decision to overturn Prop 8. Hansen was the top vote getter in his bid for the Sacramento City Council District 4 seat, and will face a runoff in November.

the participation of the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce and other local gay organizations in the redistricting process in 2011. The organization and allies succeeded in obtaining formal recognition as an LGBT community of interest for purposes of redistricting and to retain the central city core as part of a single voting district, where voting patterns and demographics are favorable to LGBT issues.

In another tight race, Rob Kerth was the top vote-getter for the Sacramento City Council District 2 seat, with 1,313 votes, or nearly 35 percent of the total. Kerth will face off in November against runner-up Allen Wayne Warren.

“Speaking as a member of the gay community, the success of a longtime supporter of LGBT rights such as Rob Kerth is critically important in this race, particularly in view of the fact that his opponent is opposed to marriage equality,”

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BSA Proposal Would Allow Local Troops To Accept Gay Youth And Leaders

Boy Scouts of America officials have proposed a new policy – which could be voted on as early as 2013 – that would allow local chartering organizations to decide whether or not to accept gay youth and leaders.

The proposal comes after Eagle Scout Zach Wahls delivered more than 275,000 signatures to the National Annual Meeting of the Boy Scouts of America from a popular petition on Change.org.

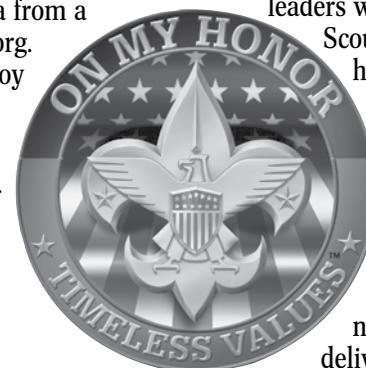
The petition calls on the Boy Scouts to reinstate a lesbian den leader in Ohio, Jennifer Tyrrell, who was removed from her position because of her sexual orientation, and to end the Boy Scouts' long-held policy barring openly gay scouts and scout leaders.

"Last Wednesday, I delivered 275,000 petition signatures – including the signatures of thousands of scouts and scout leaders – to the Boy Scouts of America because I love the organization and I refuse to stand by idly as it forfeits its cultural relevancy at the very moment this country

needs it most," said Wahls. "In proposing to allow local charter organizations to decide whether or not they'll include gay youth and leaders within their ranks, the Boy Scouts of America has taken an historic step forward, and I applaud their bravery in doing so."

Wahls met with the Boy Scouts of America's Public Relations Director, Deron Smith, and other top-ranking Boy Scout officials who asked not to be named after delivering the 275,000 petition signatures to the organization's annual national meeting last Wednesday.

"As both an Eagle Scout with a personal investment in the success of the Boy Scouts of America and as the son of a lesbian couple, it means a lot to see this change finally set in motion," added Wahls.



Survey Shows DADT Repeal Not an Issue for Military Families

A new survey about the impact of the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" on military families has revealed that a majority of military family respondents feel that the repeal has had no impact on morale, national security or the desire for service members to reenlist.

The survey was conducted by Blue Star Families, and questioned more than 4,000 military families. The full survey report is available at bluestarfam.org/survey.

When asked about the effects, if any, of the reversal of DADT, a majority of respondents felt the repeal had no impact. In fact, 72 percent of respondents said it had no impact on their service member's ability to do his/her job, 65 percent said it had no impact on their service member's desire to re-enlist or stay in the military, and 60 percent said it had no impact on their service member's morale.

Fifty-six percent said the repeal had no

impact on mission readiness or national security, and 55 percent of spouses said it had no impact on their military support group's morale.

"These results on the reversal of DADT, in which a majority of respondents said the reversal had no impact on a variety of morale and mission readiness areas, support the new DoD report, released earlier in May by Secretary Panetta, which found the same," said Vivian Greentree, Ph.D., Director of Research and Policy for Blue Star Families. "It is just not an issue of priority, it seems, for either service members or their families."

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Moscow authorities have banned gay pride parades in the city until May 2112, a decision that has been upheld by the Tverskoy District Court. Nikolay Alekseyev, one of the leaders of the Russian LGBT community and organizer of gay pride events, has vowed an appeal. Seen here, riot police arrest a gay activist during Moscow's second attempted Gay Pride parade in 2007. The parade had already been banned by Moscow's Mayor on the grounds that it would provoke violence. Photo courtesy: Moscow Pride

Courage to Stand



The Sacramento G&L Center hosted a tribute to LGBT Military Servicemembers on Friday, June 1 at the Citizen Hotel. The evening included recitals of the stories of six LGBT servicemembers, and how being LGBT and DADT affected their time in the service. The Sacramento Valley Veterans served as color guard for the evening, and baritone Zachary Gordin, pictured here with the Center's ED Shara P. Murphy and Board President David Heitstuman, performed Clint Borzoni's *A Nation Announcing Itself*, an original composition adapted from the poetry of Walt Whitman.



Jeff Wilfahrt told the story of his son Corporal Andrew Wilfahrt, believed to be one of the first servicemembers to lose his life after the repeal of DADT.



Former Navy Petty Officer Vihil Heather Vigil was one of the servicemembers to share her story in the moving ceremony that included an homage to POW/MIAs and an original art installation by Danny Scheible titled *Tapigami*, seen in the background

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Location. Location. Location.

by Fred Palmer

Realtors say that when looking for a new home, "Find the worst home, that may need tons of work, in the best neighborhood possible." Recently, I found a way to do both of those things in one transaction.

Buying a home is a rewarding, but often extremely stressful, process. Of course the first two steps are to work with a qualified mortgage lender, who knows the home loan marketplace, and a knowledgeable real estate agent well versed in the neighborhoods you are interested in.

These two will help you navigate a market that includes foreclosures, short sales, bank owned properties, regular sales and even homes that are so dilapidated the seller is insisting on nothing but a cash sale – just to name a few of the options that may have you asking, "What did I get myself into?"

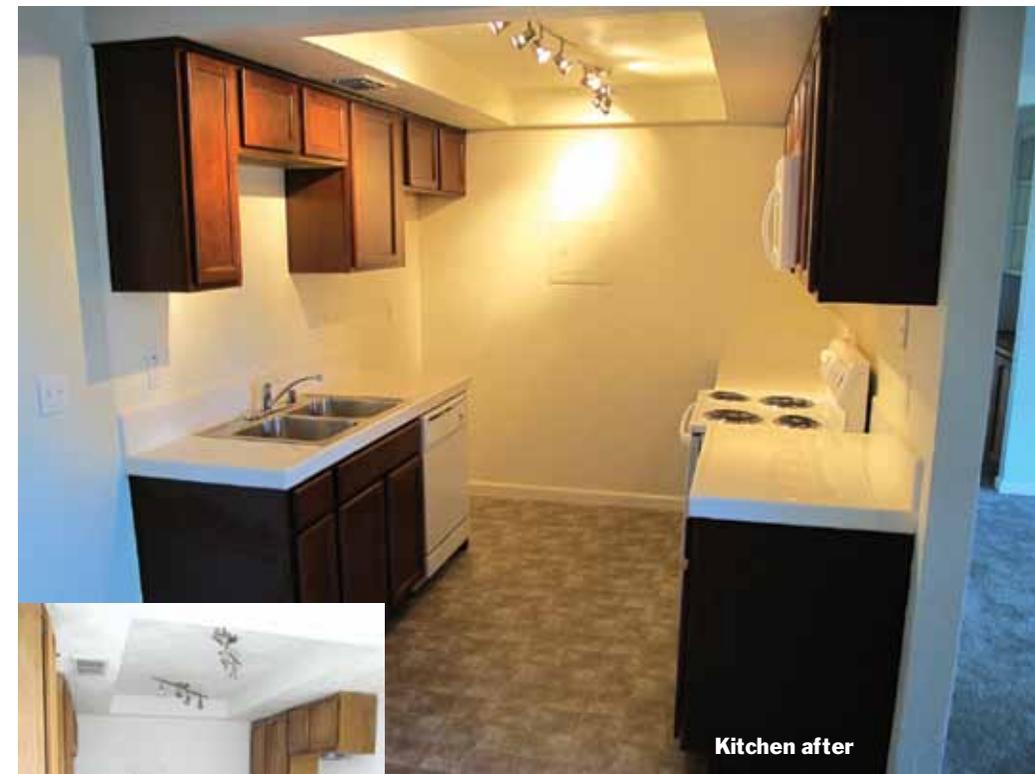
However, if you are patient, you can get through it, and the good news is there are good deals to be had, even in this market.

These days more and more "fixers" are becoming available. Some are just run down,

utilized FHA 203(k) program, and manage the refurbishing process for the home buyer from start to finish. Hybrid can also work with you on HomePath and HomeStyle loan renovations.

Today's buyers, that wish to buy a home and renovate it, now have several options on home loans that allow them to do so, some that let you finance the cost of the home as well as the renovation. You won't have to come up with these expenses out of pocket after your purchase, and the down payment and loan amount are based on the "as completed" value of the home, after renovation.

Of course, you should talk to your mortgage broker about all the ins and outs, but here are some I looked into. An FHA 203(k) allows the buyer to come in with only



Kitchen after

Kitchen before

and some were vandalized by the former occupants out of spite. Whatever the reason, buying a

home that needs a lot of work may not be an attractive scenario for many people, and believe me I did not think so either as I really have no handyman experience, other than calling Handyman Brandon, or desire to be a do it yourself-er.

I found the third component to add to my house-hunting team was Hybrid Homes. They are a full service general contractor company that specializes in the renovation of REO, short sale, and distressed properties. Launched in 2007, Hybrid Homes was created to help home buyers use the under

3.5 percent down, but this loan is only for owner-occupied homes. There is a Streamline version for renovations up to \$35,000 and a full renovation loan that allows for a much larger renovation.

HomePath Renovation eligible homes can be owner occupied or investment properties. You can search the www.homepath.com web site and it will tell you which homes in your area are eligible.

Last, but not least, is the HomeStyle Conventional Loan. It can be used on primary residences, second homes and best of all, investment properties. This is a fantastic loan and can be used on any home or condo that qualifies for financing. It is important to use a lender that is approved and knows the process of these loans, though.

Hybrid Homes is experienced with these loans and this process, and practices the

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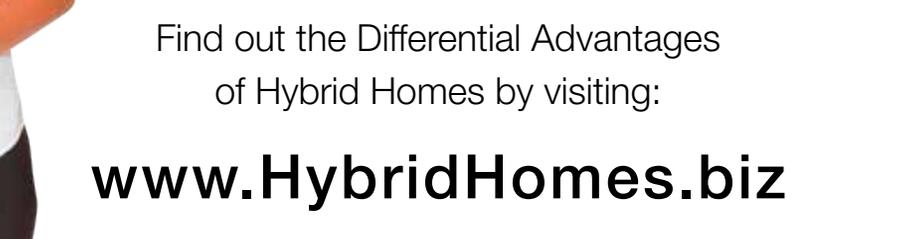
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Entertainment

A Shot of *Triple Espresso* at Cosmo Cabaret & *Grease* Opens Music Circus Season

by Chris Narloch

The fine folks at California Musical Theatre have two hit shows opening in June. *Triple Espresso* gives good buzz at Cosmopolitan Cabaret while *Grease* is the one that you want to see at Sacramento's Music Circus.

Triple Espresso

You have been warned - if you sit near the front at one of the tables inside the Cosmopolitan Cabaret, you may become part of that theater's current production, *Triple*

public humiliation to keep you from enjoying a very funny production. (On the other hand, if you thrive on being the center of attention, go ahead and sit right down front.)



Michael Pearce Donley, Bob Stromberg and Bill Arnold in the Cosmopolitan Cabaret production of *Triple Espresso* running through July 22. Photo by Charr Crail.

Espresso. You may even end up on stage, as several patrons did the night I saw the show.

Since I am hesitant to make a fool of myself in public on purpose - it happens often enough by accident - I asked my connection in the box office to seat me "in the bleachers." Once there I was able to comfortably laugh my head off without fear of being teased by the show's talented trio of jokesters.

I just wanted to get this out of the way right off the bat since I wouldn't want fear of

Triple Espresso resurrects the glory days of vaudeville to tell the "true" tale of a three-man comedy trio who lost it on the verge of their big break - a scheduled appearance on *The Mike Douglas Show*.

The recounting of what went wrong (and who is to blame) is good for an entire evening's worth of big laughs, and the three pros on stage bring the past to life vividly

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Entertainment

by Chris Narloch

Pariah & Private Romeo on DVD

I simply cannot keep up with all of the queer DVDs “coming out” these days, but here are two of the best titles – one gay and one lesbian – released recently.

impressive and rare example of a strong black lesbian on the screen, and her inner strength as well as her desire to express herself to the world through her poetry are intensely moving.



Aasha Davis and Adepero Oduye in writer/director Dee Rees' *Pariah*. Photo courtesy Focus Features.

Private Romeo

Based on William Shakespeare's immortal *Romeo and Juliet*, the critically acclaimed movie *Private Romeo* debuted on DVD June 5 after receiving rave reviews from the *New York Times* and other publications during its brief theatrical run.

Out actor Matt Doyle (from TV's *Gossip Girl*) headlines the hunky cast in this update of Shakespeare's classic tragedy, which is set in an all-male military school. When eight cadets are left behind at an isolated high school, the greatest love story ever written seeps out of the classroom and permeates their lives.

For even more queer DVD reviews, go to www.outwordmagazine.com.

Pariah

If you missed *Pariah* when it played at the Crest, the DVD of this dynamite lesbian-themed indie drama is now available. Adepero Oduye gives a striking lead

performance as a young, African-American woman living with her family in Brooklyn who fears coming out to her traditional parents.

The film's heroine, Alike, is an

Werewolves and Wannabe Singers on Cable

It used to be that we had to wait until fall for new television shows to return. Now that cable has increased our options from the good old/bad old days of three major networks, new series and new seasons debut all year round.



Anna Paquin and Joe Manganiello star in *True Blood* on HBO

Check out this month's long-awaited returns of *True Blood* and *The Glee Project*.

The Glee Project

During the 11 week run of season two of *The Glee Project*, 14 talented contenders will be narrowed down as the creative forces of *Glee* carefully assess who

has what it takes to win the prize of a lifetime – a seven episode guest starring role on the hit FOX series. Catch *The Glee Project* on Oxygen.

True Blood

While we wait for co-star Joe Manganiello to “take it off” on the big screen in the soon-to-be-

released male stripper movie, *Magic Mike*, fans can enjoy his ripped werewolf character Alcide on HBO's *True Blood*, which returns for season five this month.

The hunky actor isn't shy about taking his shirt off, and both straight women and gay men have agreed that Manganiello has sex appeal to burn.

A Double Dose of Charlize Theron Plus the Return of Ridley Scott

I am a happy cinematic camper this month since one of my favorite actresses, Charlize Theron, has two films currently in theaters – *Snow White and the Huntsman* and *Prometheus*.

The latter marks director Ridley Scott's return to outer space where, we all know, killer aliens await. I also take a look at several other new movie releases around town.

The Tower

I was unable to preview it before we went to press, but I hear nothing but praise for *Moonrise Kingdom*, the latest film from quirky director Wes Anderson (*The Royal Tenenbaums*).

The movie tells the story of two 12-year-olds who fall in love, make a secret pact and run away together into the wilderness. Chaos ensues as their small coastal New England town searches for them.

Moonrise Kingdom should be worth seeing if only for its high-powered cast, which includes Bill Murray, Edward Norton, Tilda Swinton, Bruce Willis and Frances McDormand. Opens on June 15.

The Crest

Jane Fonda has her best role since she returned to making movies in the new indie dramedy, *Peace, Love and Misunderstanding*.

Fonda, still stunning at 74, plays an aging hippie who reconnects with her estranged, uptight daughter and also gets to know her grandchildren for the first time.

Set in Woodstock, NY, the film co-stars two other fine actresses, Catherine Keener and Elizabeth Olsen. Visit www.thecrest.com.

The Esquire IMAX

I recommend you see Ridley Scott's latest sci-fi, horror flick in IMAX where you can enjoy its killer cast and spectacular special effects on a really big screen. That may also allow you to gloss over the unfortunate fact that *Prometheus* is essentially an inferior retread of Scott's original *Alien* movie crossed with Stanley Kubrick's *2001: A Space Odyssey*.

As I said, the movie is worth seeing for Scott's trademark visionary visuals, and the director creates an undeniable sense of dread before (and after) the aliens appear. Also, the cast could not be

better, especially Charlize Theron as a corporate villain, Noomi Rapace as the Ripley-like heroine, and Michael Fassbender, absolutely hypnotic and brilliant as a sleek, super-cool android who sounds suspiciously like Hal from *2001: A Space Odyssey*.

The problem I have with *Prometheus* is that the ideas it borrows from *2001* concerning the origins of life are not resolved



Charlize Theron and Chris Hemsworth in *Snow White and the Huntsman*.

satisfyingly here, and the new movie seems to beg for a sequel in its final moments. If there is one, I hope it's better than this fascinating failure of a film. Visit www.imax.com/sacramento.

The Multiplex

Charlize Theron also turns up as an Evil Queen to end all evil queens in *Snow White and the Huntsman*, a fantastic, big-budget adaptation of the original Grimm Brothers fairy tale that has little relation to the popular Disney animated classic.

This new "Snow White" gives the story surprising psychological depth and restores the darkness that was mostly missing from prior movie versions of the tale. Dressed and coiffed to kill, Theron grabs her role by the jugular and never lets go, while Kristen Stewart and Chris Hemsworth infuse their roles with both warmth and toughness.

First-time feature director Rupert Sanders aims for a home run and pulls it off. The movie's gorgeous

costume and set design are seamlessly integrated with its CGI, and the film's stunning scenes of enchanted woods and dark forests are alone worth the price of admission.

Classic Films and Live Music

Movie theaters continue to offer alternative programming to entice people away from their televisions with diverse offerings including live theater, opera and concerts. Classic films have also returned to theaters, an exciting development for movie buffs like me who can again see some of the greatest

movies ever made, on a big screen, as the movie gods intended.

Visit www.cinemark.com to find a movie theater near you showing digitally restored classic titles this summer that include *Cabaret*, *A Clockwork Orange*, *The Searchers*, *Cool Hank Luke* and *North by Northwest*.

The Crocker Art Museum in Sacramento joins the retro movie club with *Starry Nights at the Crocker*, which will showcase outdoor film screenings over the next several months of *Casablanca*, *Coraline* and *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*. Please visit www.crockerartmuseum.org.

Opera fans get equal time with summer encores of select operas from the Metropolitan Opera's award-winning series The Met: Live in HD, including Rossini's *Le Comte Ory*, Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, Offenbach's *Les Contes d'Hoffmann*, Donizetti's *Lucia Di Lammermoor*

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Local Theatre

Closet Door Set to Bring LGBT Theater Back to Sacramento

by Matthew Burlingame

It's been one year now that Sacramento has been without an LGBT theatre company and there are some who feel that is too long, so a group of theatre loving community members have come together to form the Closet Door Theatre Company.

"Sacramento had 23 years of LGBT theatre produced by the Lambda Players and though they may be gone, there is still a need for our community – particularly our youth – to be exposed to productions that reflect GLBT themes and characters," says Board President Rich Jones. "So I began a dialogue with others in the community and Closet Door Theatre Company was born!"

Closet Door Theatre is scheduled to debut its first production at some point between fall 2012 and spring 2013.

"As someone who has been part of the theater scene since I was very young, I'm really excited to be a part of a new theater company that caters to the LGBT community with new works, original plays, and classic theater productions," says Board Vice President, Michael Hedges. "I'm very hopeful that the community will embrace us and support our new endeavor."

With the Articles of Incorporation already approved the group is now seeking to file for

501(c)3 status, which will cost approximately \$400.

"We are going to be fundraising this summer," says Jones, "with the help of Noemi Rios, our fundraising and sponsorship director."

Also on the board of directors is Misty Adams, Board Secretary and Erik Mann, Board Treasurer. The group is receiving a great deal of community support and already has a number of people stepping forward as volunteers.

The group has two events already in the works. The first will be "Kaboom" held July 1, 2012 in the parking lot of the Depot/Badlands. The event will feature a Barbeque, dunk tank, and live musical performances. A hoedown is planned for later this year and the group is discussing a play writing contest to encourage new and local playwrights to get more involved with the local theatre scene.

To donate or get involved with the company please email ClosetDoorTheatre@gmail.com. or visit ClosetDoorTheatre.org

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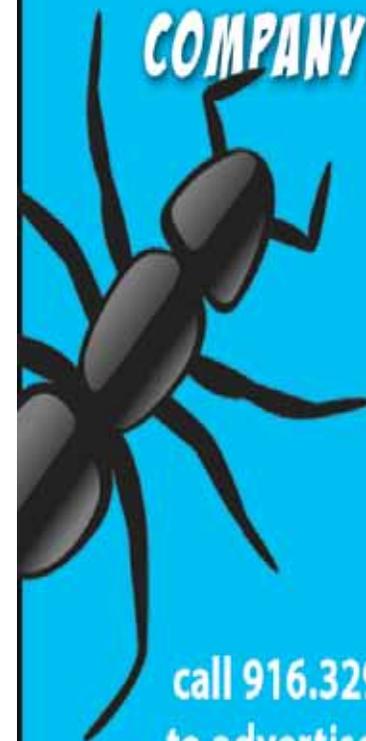
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Pride Art Mix at the Crocker

Badlands Drag Review with hostess Miss Taryn and DJ Miz-B-Haven; Drag Queen Bingo hosted by *Outword*; Live performance by the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus; and a LGBTQ Community Resource Fair Parents with kids five and under are invited to visit Tot Land and mingle at the Families Like Ours Social.

See:

June 14



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A T-Dance among the vines in the heart of the Sonoma Valley, with a VIP Reception and more. 5 - 10 p.m. Benefit for Sonoma County AIDS Network. Info: outinthevineyard.com

SLUT WALK

A diverse and eclectic mix of feminist youth respond to claims that women are inviting their own victimization. Speakers and march. 2 p.m. State Capitol. Info: Slutwalksac.webs.com

Sunday, 17

DIESELS & DADS

Take Dad out to see seven rarely seen diesel locomotives that will be on special display, then take a relaxing train ride aboard a historic locomotive along the

Sacramento River. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Calif. Railroad Museum, Old Sacramento. Info: 916-445-6645 californiastaterailroadmuseum.org

VALLEY BEARS BRUNCH

Join the Sacramento Valley Bears for breakfast and socializing. 10 - 11:30 a.m. Lucky Cafe, 1111 21st St. Info: SacBears.org

Monday, 18

SAC VALLEY VETS MEETING

Join this LGBT veterans and active duty group for their monthly meeting and get together. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The Lavender Library, 1414 21st St. Info: 916-436-7676 www.sacvalleyvets.com

LGBT SOFTBALL

Come out and root for your favorite teams. Six games to choose from, starting at 6:30, 7:30 & 8:30 p.m. Sacramento Softball Complex, 3450 Longview Dr. Info: SVGLS.org

Tuesday, 19

PFLAG SACRAMENTO

Support group for parents and friends of LGBT. 7:30 p.m. St. Marks UMC, 2391 St. Marks Way. Info: pflagsacramento.org

Thursday, 21

CROCKER COURTYARD JAZZ

Get jazzed for this concert under the stars with The Shotgun Wedding Quintet. 6 p.m. \$12. Crocker Art Museum, 216 O St. Info: CrockerArtMuseum.org

TWILIGHT MUSIC AT SACZOO

Live music with Stompy Jones, plus vintage trailers and cars from the 40s & 50s. Dinner special \$9.95: Kalua Pulled Pork Sandwiches on Hawaiian Sweet Rolls with Mango Coleslaw. 5:30 - 8 p.m. Sac Zoo. Info: SacZoo.org

Friday, 22

GIVE THEM HOPE

The Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF and The SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Band in a rousing musical celebration of pride featuring the world premiere of *Harvey Milk: A Cantata* by composer Jack Curtis Dubowsky. 7 & 9 p.m. SF Conservatory of Music, 50 Oak St., SF. Info: lgcsf.org

TOGA PARTY

Friends, Romans, countrymen, put on your togas and come out to The Bolt's infamous Toga Party! Happy Hour prices from 9 p.m. to midnight for toga wearers! Enter the Best Toga Contest to win Bolt Bucks and other prizes. 9 p.m. The Bolt Bar, 2560 Boxwood St. Info: 916-649-8420 SacBolt.com

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Saturday, 23

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VALLEY BEARS NIGHT OUT

Join the Sacramento Valley Bears for food and socializing. 7 - 8:30 p.m. Fresh Choice, 535 Howe Ave. Info: SacBears.org

TWILIGHT MUSIC AT SACZOO

Live music by the Nibblers, a car show featuring Volkswagon's and dinner specials featuring \$9.95 Ceviche Tacos. 5:30 - 8 p.m. Sac Zoo. Info: SacZoo.org

Friday, 15

COUNTRY NIGHT

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Saturday, 16

GARDEN HAT-STRAVAGANZA

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American Idiot Rocks San Francisco

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No word yet if Green Day front man Billie Joe Armstrong will be surprising his fans by joining the cast on stage (as he did repeatedly in New York), but even if he doesn't the smash-hit musical is a must-see.

American Idiot tells the story of three lifelong friends, forced to choose between their dreams and the safety of suburbia, whose quest for meaning in a post-9-11 world leads them on an exhilarating journey.

Based on Green Day's Grammy Award-winning multi-platinum album and featuring the hits "Boulevard of Broken Dreams," "21 Guns," "Wake Me Up When September Ends," "Holiday" and the blockbuster title track, *Green Day's American Idiot* is the perfect musical for the Occupy generation. Visit www.shnsf.com.



Scott J. Campbell plays Tunny in *American Idiot*. Photograph by Doug Hamilton.

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Top Five Dog Breeds For Landing a Hot Date

It's no secret that taking your dog for a walk is a great way to meet other singles, make a connection, and potentially land a hot date, but what dog breeds give men and women the best chance of getting a "leg up" on the competition in the "dog eat dog" world of dating and romance?

A new international poll on what goes on in one of the hottest singles scenes - the dog park - suggests certain breeds help singles navigate the "ruff" world of dating, including gay and lesbian singles.

The survey, conducted by Klooff, the app for pet lovers (klooff.com), illuminates what types of dogs men and women should own to attract their next girlfriend, boyfriend, hookup or soul mate.

easier.
"Pets are great for lots of different things; for companionship, for fun romps at the park, and even for getting a date," said Alejandro Russo, Co-Founder of Klooff. "That's why we built Klooff, so people can express themselves through their pets. And possibly even find a little romance while at it."

- Select Key Findings about Men:
- A man who owns a Boxer or a French Bulldog is twice more likely to be seen as just a "hook up" than a man who owns a Pit Bull or Labrador Retriever.
 - A man who owns a Golden Retriever is ten times more likely to be viewed as "marriage material" or "boyfriend material," than a man who owns a Pit Bull.
 - A man who owns a Pit Bull is ten times more likely to be viewed as "slimy" or "sketchy" than a man who owns a Siberian Husky.



The top dog breeds to attract men were: 1. Golden Retrievers, 2. Labrador Retrievers, 3. Chihuahuas, 4. Poodles, 5. Beagles

The top dog breeds to attract women were: 1. German Shepherds, 2. Golden Retrievers, 3. Labrador Retrievers, 4. Huskies, 5. French Bulldogs

These findings emerge from a survey conducted by Klooff, the free app for pet lovers that allows users to create profiles for their pets, and upload pet photos and interact with other pet lovers, and maybe make the dog park dating scene a little

- Select Key Findings About Women:
- A woman who owns a Chihuahua is more likely to be viewed as dumb.
 - A woman who owns a Golden Retriever is overwhelmingly more likely to be viewed as girlfriend material than a woman who owns a Chihuahua.
 - A woman who owns a Chihuahua is five times more likely to be viewed as someone to only have a "one night stand" with than a woman who owns a Golden Retriever.
- For complete findings, please visit Klooff.com within their "What's Hot" section.

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I'm not saying I didn't have a fair share of headaches and frustrations along the way, but having Hybrid taking care of the renovation sure made it easier to deal with said bumps.

If for some reason I have to do this again, Hybrid would be one of my first calls.

For more information on 203(k) loans talk to a qualified agent, for more information on Hybrid Homes go to www.hybridhomes.biz or call 916-575-8900.

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Sunday, 24

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The Parade kicks off at 10:30 a.m. at Market & Beale and ends at Market & 8th Street, where you can join in at the celebration until 6:30 p.m. Info: sfpride.org

Monday, 25

LGBT SOFTBALL

Come out and root for your favorite teams. Six games to choose from, starting at 6:30, 7:30 & 8:30 p.m. Sacramento Softball Complex, 3450 Longview Dr. Info: SVGLS.org

Find Your Story

Frameline36, San Francisco's International LGBT Film Festival runs through June 24. Opening night features a film about gay activist Vito Russo and closing night features Olympia Dukakis and Brenda Fricker, as a lesbian couple who, having been together for 30 years, break out of a nursing home and run for the border to get married. For a complete listing of films and times, visit Frameline.org



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caregivers will be perceived and accepted in traditional support groups.

Improvements in prevention strategies and outcomes for LGBT individuals diagnosed with cancer must become a priority in our community. The task force survey is an important step in that direction. To participate, visit <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NV77JBS>

For more information or to join the task force, feel free to contact me at marlene.vonfriederichs-fitzwater@ucdmc.ucdavis.edu or 916-734-8810.

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said Dr. Darrick Lawson, Rainbow PAC Chair and Vice President of the Chamber board.

Other successful candidates endorsed by the Rainbow PAC were City of Sacramento incumbents Kevin Johnson for Mayor, Kevin McCarty for Council District 6, and Bonnie Pannell for Council District 8. Since each of them received more than 50 percent of the total vote, Johnson, McCarty and Pannell will not face a run-off election in November.

The Rainbow PAC also endorsed two other outright winners in the primary, Walter Garcia Kawamoto for Trustee Area 3 and Cortez Quinn for Trustee Area 5, for the Twin Rivers Unified School District.

Other Rainbow PAC endorsements who received the highest number of votes in their races but who will face a November run-off are Doris Matsui for Congressional District 5, Roger Dickinson for State Assembly District

7, Ken Cooley for State Assembly District 8, and Dr. Richard Pan for State Assembly District 9.

The Rainbow Pac also endorsed Jack Uppal, who opposes incumbent Tom McClintock for Congressional District 4 on November 6.

Established in 2012, the Rainbow PAC supports candidates for public office and ballot initiatives that will have an impact on the Sacramento area's LGBT community and its many businesses and enhance the Sacramento Rainbow Chamber of Commerce members' awareness of political and social issues, visit www.rainbowpac.org.

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and hilariously.

The segments of the show involving piano bar parody are the weakest elements in an otherwise consistently funny production, which includes a non-stop stream of clever sight gags, as well as skillful stand-up and a good amount of first-rate magic.

Triple Espresso plays through July 22. For more information, visit www.CosmopolitanCabaret.com.

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Grease kicks off the Music Circus summer season, playing June 26 through July 1. Visit www.calmt.com.

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and Strauss's *Der Rosenkavalier*. Visit www.metoperafamily.org.

Finally, Linkin Park will celebrate the release of their new album, *Living Things*, by bringing their live show to nearly 500 movie theaters nationwide. *Linkin Park One Night Concert Event: Recorded Live in Berlin* will hit select theaters on Monday, June 25 at 7:30 p.m. Visit www.fathomevents.com for details and information about other big-screen events.



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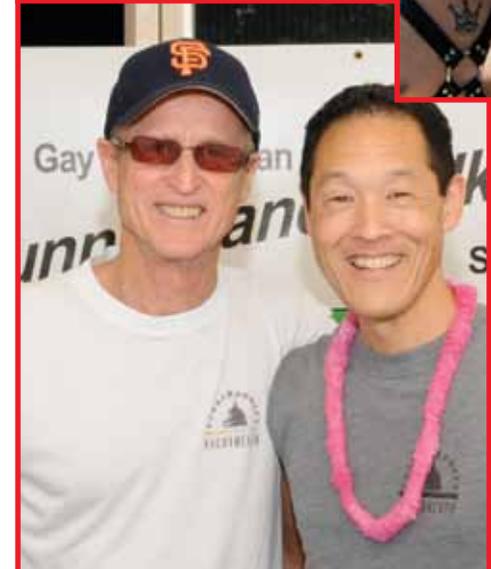
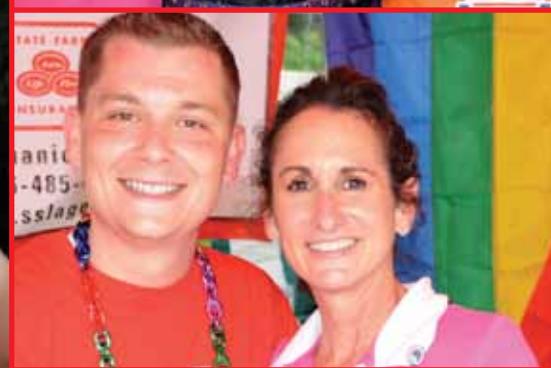
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